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planning invade Cuba but Cuban problem was very serious one. At least already taken had gone part way to resolve problems and some lessening of tension was noted.

Mikoyan said he was happy hear these words - President's desire for peace and friendship with USSR and other nations fully corresponded to Soviet view.

President replied there would be no change in Kennedy policy. However, biggest problem for US people stemmed from Castro-dominated subversion. This inevitably strained relations. We hoped however that in future both US and USSR would find they had made even greater gains toward peace than those made by President Kennedy and Khrushchev.

Mikoyan said he was very gratified to hear this. However, he could not understand how small nation like Cuba could subvert anyone. On contrary Cuba being subverted. USSR believes all subversion should be ended everywhere. He asked President believe that good relations with Cuba were in US interest.

As President was pressed for time in connection with next appointment, he confined himself to reiterating that he had made his statements on Cuba simply to give an evaluation of the feelings of the US people.

President then thanked Mikoyan for coming to honor and pay tribute to late President. He looked forward to further meetings of this kind and hoped they would be fruitful. Mikoyan concluded conversation by echoing hope for further meetings including meetings with Khrushchev and that these meetings would be fruitful.

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